

BAI announces 5 lakhs to Srikanth for winning Australia Open Super Series

New Delhi, June 25- Ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth extended his stellar run of form to become the first Indian male shuttler to win two consecutive Superseries title after he won the Australia Open Super Series today and etch his name in the history of Indian badminton.

And to celebrate this historic moment, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and Badminton Association of India has announced a cash reward of 5 lakhs for Srikanth, who not only won his fourth superseries title but also also became the only sixth badminton player in the world to make it to three consecutive superseries finals on the trot.

In the finals, he was up against the Current Olympic champion Chen Long of China and the Gunter Lad was in supreme best against the World No. 6 and won the match 22-20, 21-16 in a rather comfortable manner.

Dr. Sarma was delighted at Srikanth's feat and congratulated him after his amazing win. "We are really very proud of Srikanth for his achievements. It is simply phenomenal. He has not only made the whole country proud once again but has etched his name among the best and no word would enough to praise Srikanth," Dr. Sarma said.

Reiterating President's views Mr. Anup Narang official spokesperson and Secretary General of BAI further added, "It is indeed a very huge achievement for Srikanth and Indian badminton. The entire BAI is in a jubilant mood and I am sure so is the badminton fans across the country."

Apart from Srikanth, performance of other Indian players at the Australian Open Superseries were also great as Sai Praneeth, PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal all made it to the quarterfinals of the tournament.